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STRANGE PHENOMENA

A. WATER SPOUT.

The most curious phenomenon which we have ever heard of occurred out in Cheatham county on Wednesday last. The day, it will be remembered, was remarkably hot; so that most people in the county had, to seek the shade about noon. At this hour, on the farm of Ed. Sharpe, five miles from Ashland, a sort of whirlwind came along over the neighboring woods, taking up small branches and leaves of trees and burning them in a sort of flaming cylinder that traveled at

rate of about five miles an hour, and developing as it traveled. It passed directly over the spot where a team of horses were feeding and singed their manes; tails up to the roots; it then swept toward the house, taking a stack of hay in its course, which it set on fire. It seemed to increase in heat as it went, and by the time it reached the house it immediately fired the shingles from end to end of the building, so that in ten minutes the whole dwelling was wrapped in flames. A tall column of traveling, scorching then

ing it to coarse over a wheat field that had been recently cradled, setting fire to all the stacks which happened to be in its course. Passing from the field into its path lay over a stretch of woods which reached to the river, green leaves on the trees were crisped a cinder for a breadth of twenty yards, a straight line to the Cumberland. When the "pillar of fire" reached the water, it suddenly changed its route down the river, raising a column of steam which went on to the clouds for about half a mile, and

It finally died out. Not less than hundred people witnessed this strange phenomenon, and all of them tell substantially the same story about the farmer Sharp was left houseless, the degrading element, and his two horses were so affected that no good is expected to be got out of them in the future. Several withered trees in the woods through which he passed were set on fire, and are now burning still.

From the Nashville Banner, 17th.

The storm of yesterday afternoon

The storm of yesterday afternoon wild and startling. About three o'clock great clouds, ragged and grotesque in contour and whirled about in all directions, come rolling up from the south. Currents and counter currents whirled vast masses streaked with blue and black, and occasionally the dark surfaces were illuminated by vivid flashes of lightning. A few hard drops of rain were scattered over the city and then the gusty puffs of wind wandered vaguely through the streets, taking up clouds of dust in their capricious way.

and playing wild pranks with awnings and signs. Pedestrians rushed hurriedly along the streets with eyes averted from the clouds of dirt, and the scene was certainly a dramatic view from a sheltered standpoint. At this time the wind in the suburbs was playing still wilder pranks. Twigs were stripped from trees, showers of fresh leaves, a peace offering to the storm, went sailing away in the breeze, and every thing light that could be gotten up by the impetus of the air, was toyed with and tossed about.

Just at this time a singular phenomenon occurred in the Cumberland opposite the city. A whirlwind or miniature cyclone formed just below the suspension bridge, and continued its course with the bend of the river above the water-way. So powerful was the whirl and so great the suction force developed that a rowing boat was drawn up to the bridge and the waterspout six or seven feet in height formed and was swept along the river with the wind.

small bathing boat, which is lined up
evergreens as a screen to the bath-
they perform their toilets. At the
when the storm came up, a party of
a dozen boys and men were bathing
river, and had their clothes hung o
evergreens which formed the side o
boat next to Broad street. Along
the watersport in its course, whiske
trees from the side clothes and all
sent the whole far up into the sky.

Away went the raiment of the b
before their own astonished eyes
pieces of the sin, standing in and

spirits—the air crawling round the different articles, and trying all of ways to feel comfortable and at ease in them, but without success. Away the clothes sailing through the air followed by the anxious gaze of bathers, until having risen to a considerable elevation in the region of water-works, they disappeared from sight. The party swam, some to the boat, some to the shore. Those who had been drenched and partially covered with water, and the others to the shore. All called loudly for clothes, and many went to secure the services of

This is the first watpout that has been witnessed in this section of the coast and the origin of the phenomenon is

The regularity of its movements in following the course of the river is certainly singular. The suction force or power manifested was very considerable as we have seen.

A Confederate Soldier Not Entitled Damages.

Two cases were tried at Alamogordo Superior Court last week, where three persons sued the North Carolina Railroad Company for damages sustained by

explosion of powder stored in the cell which they were riding, about the close of the war. Ireland and Duke obtained damages, the former for two thousand dollars and the latter for ten thousand dollars. But the point to which we now direct attention is the decision of Judge Tolson in the case of S. S. Turner, who also obtained damages. The judge decided that as much as Turner was a Confederate soldier and on his way to report for duty at Gen. Johnston's headquarters, thus violating the law, he was not entitled to recover damages.

damages from a common carrier. In this decision the counsel for Turner appealed to the Supreme Court.—*Saturday Press*, July 9.

BONNER reports to the revenue collector that, with the aid of Dexter, he manages to get along very well.
